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SUBJ: MARCH 1, THE 60TH DAY OF THE OFFENSIVE

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1. SUMMARY. A SIX-MEMBER AMERICAN CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION VISITED PHNOM PENH MARCH 1 IN ORDER TO ASSESS ON THE SPOT CAMBODIA'S NEED FOR SUPPLEMENTAL MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. THIRD DIVISION TROOPS RELIEVED ONE OF THEIR ENCIRCLED BATTALIONS AND COUNTED 200 KC DEAD IN SURROUNDING FIELDS. FANK REPORTS LITTLE FURTHER PROGRESS IN OPERATIONS TO RETAKE TUOL LEAP OR AGAINST THE ROCKET BELT. TWENTY-SIX ROCKETS EXPLODED AT POCHENTONG KILLING THREE PEOPLE AND INJURING AT LEAST FIVE OTHERS. TWO ROCKETS LANDED IN THE CAPITAL WITH NO CASUALITIES REPORTED. END SUMMARY.

2. FIVE CONGRESSMEN AND ONE SENATOR VISITED PHNOM PENH FOR ONE DAY. THEY MET WITH PRESIDENT LON NOL AND OTHER KHMER GOVERNMENT LEADERS, VISITED KHMER MILITARY UNITS IN THE FIELD, HUMANITARIAN RELIEF PROJECTS AND  
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HOSPITALS. THEY ALSO INTERVIEWED COMMUNIST PRISONERS AND

RALLIERS AS WELL AS STUDENT/TEACHER LEADERS.

3. THIRD DIVISION FORCES RELIEVED ONE OF THEIR EN-CIRCLED BATTALIONS SOUTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL AND ARE CLOSE TO RELIEVING THE OTHER. THEY COUNTED 200 KC DEAD AROUND THE RELIEVED POSITION, RECOVERED 40 WEAPONS AND ARE STILL CLEANING UP THE FIELD.

4. A LARGE OPERATION AIMED TO PUSH THE KC OUT OF ROCKET RANGE OF POCHENTONG JUMPED OFF BUT MADE NO PROGRESS. SEPARATE EFFORTS TO RETAKE POSITIONS LOST NEAR TUOL LEAP HAD LITTLE SUCCESS AFTER YESTERDAY'S GAINS AND HAVE CONVINCED FANK THAT THE KC IS BETTER ORGANIZED AND EQUIPPED IN THAT AREA THAN WAS EARLIER BELIEVED.

5. IN THE 7TH DIVISION AREA NORTHWEST OF THE CAPITAL THE KC UNSUCCESSFULLY ATTACKED PHUM THOM, ON THE ROAD FROM ROUTE 5 TO PHNOM BASSET. A STRONGPOINT NEAR THE 7TH DIVISION LOGISTICS BASE FELL.

6. KC ATTACKS AT SVAY RIENG FORCED FANK TO WITHDRAW FROM FOUR POSITIONS. ATTACKS AND ATTACKS BY FIRE INCREASED IN BATTAMBANG PROVINCE.

7. FANK RESUMED OPERATIONS TO RELIEVE THE BATTALION ISOLATED ON NEAK LUONG'S EASTERN PERIMETER. THEY ALSO CONTINUED CLEARING OPERATIONS OF THE KEY ISLAND BETWEEN NEAK LUONG AND BANAM. THE NAVY LOST A LANDING CRAFT AND A PATROL BOAT BETWEEN PHNOM PENH AND NEAK LUONG. THE ENEMY SHOT DOWN A T-28 AS IT WAS BOMBING THE DEI DOS MEKONG RIVER CHOKEPOINT.

8. TWENTY-SIX ROCKETS HIT AT POCHENTONG KILLING THREE PEOPLE AND WOUNDING FIVE. TWO ROCKETS HIT IN PHNOM PENH WITHOUT REPORTED EFFECT.  
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